

conflict. The women from Santa Cruz County will be joining women from 40 other countries.

Created in 2004, the "Follow The Women" annual bicycle ride is the brainchild of 2001 European Woman of the Year and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Detta Regan. In April 2004, she gathered together 270 women from all over the world, including the United States, Palestine, Britain and Iraq, to bike across Lebanon, Syria and Jordan to campaign for peace and an end to violence in the region. Traditionally throughout the Middle East, women do not ride bicycles making the "Follow the Women—Pedal for Peace" ride extraordinary. It brings much attention to the worthy cause of promoting good relations between different cultures and ethnicities.

"Follow the Women" has held several different events in addition to the annual bike ride. In 2007, they distributed medical kits in Gaza throughout the conflict. That year, they also held a youth exchange to explore and share the experiences between different cultures. The participants gained a better understanding of themselves and others.

"Follow the Women" has also helped fund a counseling project in Ramallah. The aim of this project was to offer support to children and their families who were suffering following the conflict in the Middle East. This year, "Follow the Women—Pedal for Peace" hopes to raise enough funds to build a playground or possibly two for the children of Gaza.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Follow the Women and especially wish to recognize the riders from Santa Cruz. I wish them much luck in their annual bike ride.

#### REMEMBERING JACK ALLEN STONE

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Allen Stone. Sadly, Jack passed away on July 28, 2009 in Bay City, Michigan. I have known Jack since the early 1960s and will deeply miss him.

Jack Stone moved to Michigan from Missouri in 1930. He was the Class President at Beecher High School when he graduated in 1944 and this began his dual interests in education and politics. He joined the U.S. Army and served as a Corporal E4 during the Korean War. Returning to Flint, Jack worked for Chevrolet and became a committeeman for the UAW. During this time he married, had three daughters and attended the University of Michigan-Flint. He graduated with a B.A. degree in 1961 and began teaching that same year.

Teaching US Government and Michigan History at Grand Blanc High School for 27 years, Jack was a moving force in starting the Grand Blanc chapter of the National Honor Society. During this time he also was active with negotiating teacher contracts. He negotiated the first teacher contract with Grand Blanc Schools and played a major role in negotiating contracts for many years. He was an advisor for MEA PAC and sat on the interview board for school board candidates. Active in the Genesee County Democratic Party, Jack worked on my first campaign and successive

campaigns. He also helped elect Senator Don Reigle and State of Michigan Speaker of the House Bobby Crim.

After retiring in 1988, Jack moved to Gladwin, Michigan and built his dream home on Sugar Springs Lake. He is survived by his wife Joan, and his daughters: Janine Wallace, Rebecca Tereau and Leslie Stone.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory of a dear friend, Jack Allen Stone. Over the years I have respected his wisdom, enjoyed his friendship, heeded his advice and I am saddened by his passing.

#### RESOLUTION TO HONOR OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 2009*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution supporting October 2009 as National Principals Month. This designation will honor and recognize the critical role that school principals play in the lives of our students.

One of the principle reasons behind a school's success is often a strong principal.

Elementary, middle and high school principals consistently provide the vision, dedication, and mobilizing force behind successful schools.

Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop performance goals and objectives, all in an effort to improve student achievement.

Today's principals are expected to fill a variety of roles, each complex in its own right.

On any given day, they are likely to be everything from educational visionary, to community builder, to budget analyst, to facility manager, to counselor.

This means that principals often work long hours. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that one in three principals works more than 40 hours per week and often works additional time supervising school activities at night and on weekends.

During my time on the San Diego School Board, I worked with many of these remarkable individuals. I witnessed how their commitment and energy can inspire an entire school—from the youngest student to the most senior teacher.

In the end, it is principals who are responsible for creating and managing the environment where our students learn and grow.

This month, let's honor this important role, which they dedicate themselves to year-round.

I am pleased to introduce this bipartisan resolution with my colleague from the Education and Labor Committee, Congressman TODD PLATTS.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "WATER TRANSFER FACILITATION ACT OF 2009"

#### HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 2009*

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, today with Congressman COSTA, I introduced the "Water

Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009." the measure should reduce unnecessary delays in water transfers at a time when Central Valley farmers have been hard hit by a three-year drought. It would allow new water transfers of roughly 250,000 to 300,000 acre-feet of water per year. The bill would grant authority to the Bureau of Reclamation to approve voluntary water transfers between sellers and buyers in the San Joaquin Valley. The measure also would streamline environmental reviews for Central Valley water transfers by ensuring that they occur on a programmatic basis, instead of the current project-by-project basis.

Transferring water between and within counties for water districts is a critical tool during periods of drought. While the best solution would be to fully operate the federal and state pumps, this change in the law provides us some relief. This legislation makes permanent the ability to transfer water to our Valley's farms when it is most needed, therefore, allowing our farmers a lifeline to continue to grow crops and help our local economy. More will need to be done to protect the Valley's water, and I will continue that fight.

The bill is supported by a great number of water users across the Central Valley, including the following: Friant Water Users Authority, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Authority, Delta-Mendota Canal Authority, Westlands Water District, Metropolitan Water District, Glen Colusa Irrigation District, Northern California Water Association, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Association of California Water Agencies, Placer County Water Agency, Conaway Preservation Group, and the Reclamation District 2035.

I have submitted several of these support letters here for the record, and I understand that Mr. COSTA will submit additional letters as well.

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER AGENCIES,  
*October 6, 2009.*

Re ACWA support for Water Transfer Legislation.

Representative CARDOZA,  
*Longworth House Office Building,*  
*Washington, DC.*

Representative COSTA,  
*Longworth House Office Building,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES CARDOZA AND COSTA: Thank you for introducing water transfer legislation for the Central Valley Project (CVP) which ACWA is pleased to support. As California's water supply challenges multiply, this legislation can provide greater flexibility for management of CVP water supplies. As you know, ACWA's 450 public agency members are collectively responsible for 90 percent of the water delivered in California for residential and agricultural uses.

California's water supply situation is dire and worsening. Three years of below average precipitation along with heavy regulatory restrictions through the ESA and Biological Opinions, have seriously diminished California's water supplies. Under these conditions, it is essential that short term actions, such as provided by your legislation to flexibly enable water supplies to move across the San Joaquin Valley, be pursued.

Again, thank you for introducing water transfer legislation. ACWA looks forward to working with you to secure its passage in an expedited manner.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY QUINN,  
*Executive Director.*